EDCO Library Committee

DRAFT Minutes

3/22/13

In attendance: Jeanne Smyth, Bedford; Chris Swerling, Newton; Kendall Boninti, Lucy Clerkin, Kathy May, Waltham; Carolyn Markuson, Wellesley; Lucille Beeth, Weston; Amy Fiske, Winchester

Chris asked if others had received a Freedom of Information request about books that have been banned.

Others had – researched that it was a legitimate request so responded

Polling

Rick ran a few polls with [PollEverywhere.com](http://www.polleverywhere.com) to introduce the tool to those who were unfamiliar with it. Free application – students/teachers can participate with laptops or cellphones. Very easy to use.

Ipads Update

Amy (Winchester) has an iPad in library, shying away from full use at present until becomes more familiar with it; Winchester getting new high school – trying to figure out what technology needs will be

Jeanne (Bedford) – Bedford is in second year of iPad initiative at high school – all 9th and 10th graders now have; teachers’ iPad use part of evaluation; she wonders if students can type as fast, and some students don’t have discipline to avoid games

Lucille (Weston) – Weston Middle School is also in year two of initiative – all 7th and 8th graders now have; using them for content; seems to be working well

District Technology Update

Chris (Newton) – most Newton library staff are very comfortable with using technology; some are seen as technology leaders in their school, some have partnered strategically with ITS. Book trailers in some elementary schools, using iMovie. PebbleGo Database being used heavily because they invested a lot of time on PD; Overdrive for middle and high schools; Easy Bib for middle and high schools - all 9th graders learned how to use at Newton South. Chris has the most questions about her middle schools – they have some significant needs in tech for libraries. Catalyst for one teacher – happy with.

Lucy noted that middle school is a difficult level to provide for; collection difficult

Amy (Winchester)– would love to be doing more with tech; equipment and network not reliable; old laptops. She has been building relationships – district hasn’t had curriculum in place. Focusing on English and History first because seeing those classes more frequently. Tough scenario in Winchester as lots of changes at the top.

Kathy, Lucy, Kendall (Waltham) – Waltham lucky to have director who is head of IT and LT. Libraries and most of district have old equipment. District recently did a system analysis of data speeds – significant problems. Also had a curriculum review of library and technology departments by Fran Zilonis and Linda Conneely.

Kendall posted polls on her library website about technology use: <http://walthamlibrary.wikispaces.com/> She polled both teachers and students, posted the differing responses to the same question. Sent out results to teachers.

Lucille (Weston)– the district is pretty well supported with technology, making it easy to integrate in the curriculum. Past few summers Weston has offered a PD course – 3 days, long enough to be able to integrated databases. Teachers have said need they need time to use the databases before they feel comfortable using with students..

Jeanne (Bedford) – Bedford is looking to have a new person to oversee tech and libraries. Nervousness about who the person will be, how will impact budget. Jeanne has dumb terminals – not very useful. She will be losing her library lab to become classroom. Printing with iPads has been a problem.

Carolyn (Wellesley)– still doing proficiencies for 5th and 10th graders – identify students for assistance with junior thesis. Looking for a digital librarian. Supt. Took everybody to Innovation Center at MIT – presenter there identified libraries aa the innovation hub. How to validate websites for teachers. [Voice Dream](http://www.voicedream.com/) –text to speech app, reads it to you. Legal to strip dRM off of records? Narrating K-2 core literacy texts in Spanish and Korean

**MSLA Conference Highlights**

The 2013 Conference Handouts on the MSLA website are well worth looking at:  
[http://maschoolibraries.org/content/view/1105/721/](http://maschoolibraries.org/content/view/1105/721/" \t "_blank)

Kathy May recommended Melissa Stewart’s presentation and the list she compiled of recommended nonfiction lists - you might miss when looking at the conference handouts as she is listed only as elementary-science. This list in more far ranging than that, as well as buried in her website under Teachers/Librarians>CCSS resources. Even though the presentation seems to indicate it was appropriate only for elementary level, Kathy said there are certainly materials for middle school. Rick will post on wiki.

A few people recommended Chris Swerling’s presentation – her handout is quite large, but well worth it.

Pam Berger’s keynote on Sunday was excellent – dealt with Primary Sources

Richard Byrne’s on Twitter and Personal Learning Networks

Burlington Elementary Library Program - **Laura Beals D'Elia, Dan Callahan**

**Other News**

### Lucy noted that Robin had referenced an interesting article on the MSLA site - [Digital library article](http://thejournal.com/Articles/2013/03/13/How-Schools-Are-Making-Digital-Libraries-Work-With-or-Without-BYOD.aspx?Page=1), Making Digital Libraries Work, With or Without BYOD from t.h.e journal

Chris proudly announced that Newton will have 7 presentations at the AASL conference in Hartford in the fall.

Lucille – Design in Engineering. Lego.k12engineering.com – 3rd challenge. Musical instruments – Weston hot cross buns

**Next Meeting – MA eBooks Initiative – presentation by Deb Hoadley, MLS**

MA following CO model – statewide access to eBooks

50 pilots running next year

Carolyn would be interested in hearing about EasyBib transition from Noodle Tools – wanted guaranteed and viable consistency for 6 schools.